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First Named Inventor	Hung-En Tai
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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 20 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____						
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Appl. No.: 10/708,573 Filing Date: 03/11/2004
Examiner: TSAI, CAROL; S W Art Unit: 2857
10 Docket No.: LKSP0047USA

Title: METHOD AND RELATED SYSTEM FOR SEMICONDUCTOR
EQUIPMENT EARLY WARNING MANAGEMENT

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20 CFR §1.56

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material to patentability under 37 CFR §1.56. The
applicants wish to make of record the documents listed
on the accompanying form PTO/SB/08.

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Since this IDS is filed after the mailing date of the
first Office action but before the final Office action,

consideration of the information disclosure statement is hereby requested according to 37 CFR \$1.97(b). That each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in communications from the
5 Taiwan Intellectual Property Office on April 15, 2005 for a counterpart Taiwanese application.

According to the requirement set forth in 37 C.F.R. \$1.98 and MPEP 609, the applicants are submitting a copy of Taiwanese
10 patent documents TW 494462 (published July 11, 2002) and TW 574743 (published February 01, 2004). The English language abstract of the Taiwanese patent TW 574743 is recited below to fulfill the concise explanation requirement. In accordance with MPEP 609 III A(3), an English-language equivalent
15 application may be submitted to fulfill the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance. Accordingly, the English-language equivalent US patent No. 6,745,094 of the Taiwanese patent TW 494462 is hereby listed on the accompanying form PTO/SB/08 to fulfill the 37 CFR
20 \$1.98(a)(3) requirement.

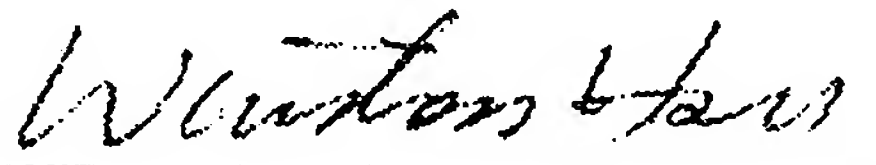
The English language abstract of the Taiwanese patent TW 574743 is recited as follows:

25 The contribution of this patent application is to apply the building-in-reliability diagnosis system (BIRDS) in semiconductor manufacturing and reliability enhancement, especially on the wafer-level reliability (WLR). By using the prior
30 knowledge on former technologies and records, database is built to comprise all data from each machine, each process, each lot, and each wafer and

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It is respectfully requested that the examiner can consider the documents listed on the accompanying form PTO/SB/08 and that it be made of record in the application. The applicants sincerely hope that the examiner initials the cited references on the form and that a copy of the initialed form be sent to the applicants with the next communication from the examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



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